

With this judgment, whether right or wrong,
his life-
partner would assuredly agree Always does
she speak
of him as "the senior partner in the firm "
Always do
their names appear in non-alphabetical order,
as Sidney
and Beatrice And it is probably accurate,
this order
So far as the economic substratum of their
sociological
thinking goes, he had worked it out, in its mam
and solid
outline, before he met her Again, on the purely
economic
side, the stronger strand in the texture they
were to weave
together was of his provision Here as
elsewhere, however,
the effort to make any rigid separation
between the con-
tribution of one and that of the other is self-
defeating
The interweaving of the strands is complete
The re-
making of economics was a joint effort, in
all its
stages

The> have in effect, for this largely re-made
economics
But what they have done has not been to
create or
expound any new economic doctrine of the
abstract
or theoretical kind True, in the
development of the
law of Rent, from the simple application to
land alone
of J S Mill, and through the modifications
imported
into it by Jevons, into a law of general
applicability to
all the forms and phases of economic activity
throughout
Capitalist society, they make a contribution,
and a highly
important one, to economic theory in the
strictest sense
Vital as is this contribution, it is not in it that
their most
distinctive achievement consists They are, pre-

eminently,
the Emstems of economics Their major work is
their
demonstration of its essential Relativity
That economics is a series of statements of
tendencies,
had, of course, been stated, before they set
to work upon
it It is so described, for instance, by
Professor Marshall,
in *The Principles* which Webb reviewed in
1890 But,
having made that statement, the theoretic
economist was
apt to leave it there, and forget about it, apt
to proceed,